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Subject: Episodes of Care Pain Relief Legislation (Public Chapter 843)

During the 2018 legislative session, the Tennessee General Assembly passed [Public Chapter 843](#). Under PC 843, which became effective July 1, 2018, episode quarterbacks may qualify for an adjustment of risk-sharing payments attributable to the increased cost of **pain relief services** if the following conditions are met:

1. The healthcare provider is required to make an Episodes of Care risk-sharing payment to an MCO;
2. Some portion of the Episode costs were due to pain relief services;
3. The pain relief services provided to the patient were more expensive than an alternative pain relief service; and
4. The provider can demonstrate that the pain relief services provided to the patient had the effect of reducing opioid use by the patient relative to an alternative pain relief service routinely used by other providers in the episode.

Eligible providers should follow the existing **Reconsideration Process** through the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to apply for relief under PC 843 **beginning with the 2018 performance period**.

For additional information, providers are encouraged to contact the MCO provider support teams:

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BCBST: 800-924-7141

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